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of Baltimore, if the land shall lie in said city, who shall thereupon issue his warrant under his hand and seal to the Sheriff of said county or city, as the case may be, requiring him to summon a Jury of of the inhabitants not related to the parties nor in any wise interested, to meet on the land so wanted, or a day named in said warrant, not less than ten nor more than twenty days after issuing the same, and if at the said time and place any of the said jurors summoned do not attend, the Sheriff shall immediately summon as many persons similarly qualified as (together with the jurors in attendance) will furnish a panel of twenty jurors in attendance, and from the panel each party, his, her, or their, or its attorney or agent, or if either party be not present in person or by agent, the Sheriff, for him, her, them or it, may strike off four persons, and the remaining twelve shall act as the jury of the inquest of damages, and to each before he acts as such juror, the Sheriff shall administer an oath or affirmation that he will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner or owners will sustain by the use or occupation of the said land so required to be taken; and the said jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing, and sign and seal the same, and it shall be returned by the Sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel county, or to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, as the case may be, and be filed by said Clerk in his office, and shall be confirmed by the said Circuit Court or the said Superior Court, as the case may be, at its next term or session, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown; and when confirmed shall be recorded by said Clerk to whose office the same has been returned, at the expense of the said proprietor or proprietors of said bridge; but if the same be set aside the said Circuit Court or Superior Court, as the case may be, shall direct another inquisition to be taken in the manner above described, and the inquisition shall in all cases describe the land condemned, and the quantity or duration of the interest in the same valued for the proprietor or proprietors of said bridge, and such valuation when paid or tendered to the owner or owners of the property, his, her, or their legal representatives shall entitle the said proprietor or proprietors of said bridge to the estate and interest in the same thus valued as if it had been legally conveyed by the owner or owners of the same, and the

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